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Weekend weather

Today	72/52	Isol. T-storms
Saturday	65/50	showers
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Monday	72/52	partly cloudy



Weather information courtesy
319th Operations Support Squadron weather flight

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CSAF thanks AMC for OIF success

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AMCNS) - Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper sent the following letter to Gen. John W. Handy, commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command, thanking the men and women of AMC for their support of Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Dear General Handy,

The men and women of Air Mobility Command performed superbly during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The world witnessed joint warfighting at its best and the critical role played by well-trained and well-led airmen. When our nation needed airlift the most, AMC delivered with the historic airdrop of 1,000 "Sky Soldiers" from the 173rd Airborne Brigade with a 100 percent mission success rate. Throughout the entire conflict, execution was perfect and airmen from AMC made it look easy. Please relay my sincere appreciation to all the members of your command. May God bless our great Air Force and our great nation!

Sincerely,

John P. Jumper
General, USAF
Chief of Staff



Courtesy photo

Return flight

Maj. Gen. John Becker, 15th Air Force commander, peers out the cockpit of a B-17 Bomber shortly after landing it at Nut Tree Airport near Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The B-17 was used extensively over Europe during World War II.



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Environmental care programs, processes get a once over

By 1st Lt. Rob Lazaro
Public Affairs

A team from the Air Mobility Command, McChord Air Force Base and URS Corporation Environmental Compliance Assessment and Management Program wrapped up its weeklong evaluation visit to Grand Forks Air Force Base today.

Its mission beginning Monday was to review the base's environmental programs and processes to ensure they adhere to the regulations of federal, state, and local compliance laws.

"The self-policing effort (of ECAMP) assists bases to identify and correct any deficiencies that they may have before regulators do," said Col. Brian Lally, assistant to the AMC Civil Engineer, ECAMP team facilitator.

Any deficiencies or violations discovered by regulatory agencies could result in stiff fines, penalties, civil lawsuits or criminal prosecution, and could shut down a facility.

To assist the compliance effort, the Air Force ECAMP

places a high priority on self-inspection and total workforce adherence to regulatory and permit requirements.

The ECAMP review included 13 separate protocols from waste disposal to water quality. Each of these has the goal of improving the Air Force's environmental compliance, by finding and correcting any problems, anticipating and preventing future problems, and sharing success stories with other installations.

"We hope this visit will provide an honest look at the base's environmental compliance," said Col. Lally. "We hope to provide a road map for environmental programs, advocate funding from higher headquarters for improvement and identify the best practices to share with the rest of the Air Force."

The base falls under the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, where it boasts one of the top pollution reduction records both in the region and in the Air Force.

"Hopefully, this visit will validate the top-notch environmental program we have here at Grand Forks," said Col. Steve Wayne, 319th Air Refueling Wing vice commander.



Photo by 1st Lt. Rob Lazaro

Mr. Al Armburst, Superintendent of the base electrical shop, gives Mrs. Anette Barndt, ECAMP team member, a tour of the base transformers.

"The Air Force has the best environmental stewardship program of all the services," said Col. Lally. To keep it that way, it takes a team effort from leadership on down."

Phoenix Readiness training ends



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Cross

British explosive ordnance disposal specialists participate in combat scenarios with American counterparts during a Phoenix Readiness class.

Will be replaced by expeditionary training program, Eagle Flag

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
305th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

FORT DIX, N.J. (AFPN) -- Air Mobility Command's Phoenix Readiness combat training has ended and will be replaced in October by the Air Force's expeditionary combat-support training program, Eagle Flag.

The training cadre at the Air Mobility Warfare Center here are excited about Eagle Flag.

"It's exciting for us to be evolving into a flag-level school," said Lt. Col. Michael Dickey, 421st Training Squadron commander who is in charge of the course. "It means taking our world-class training up a notch and helping the Air Force improve its expeditionary capabilities."

Phoenix Readiness was a two-week training course that prepared airmen and other Department of Defense forces to open and establish forward-operating bases similar to what was recently done in Southwest Asia. That mission will not change.

"We will continue to lead the way, preparing the Air Force for expeditionary operations," said Dickey. "But now to a much broader student base -- the entire Air Force."

During the final Phoenix Readiness course, more than 350 servicemembers deployed to the fictitious country of Yekrut -- also known as Naval Air Station Lakehurst -- to support U.S. peacekeeping efforts for the fictitious Osland government.

During their first week, students from more than 24 Air Force specialties received classroom and field training in bare-base common core tasks for their specialties in a deployed environment. The next week, their skills were tested in an exercise deployment.

That was one of the advantages of the Phoenix Readiness course -- the opportunity to receive training and then apply it in the field the following week.

1st Lt. Allan Rich, from the 821st Air Mobility Squadron at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., attended the course two years ago and then again recently after returning from Iraq.

"The course has improved 600 percent since the last time I came," he said. "They've done a good job of trying to equate it to (the) real world. I'm very impressed with the differences, and it's only going to get better with Eagle Flag."

(Courtesy of AMC News Service)

News

Three base school teachers retire following long careers

Compiled from staff reports

The conclusion of the 2002-2003 school year marked the end of three eras at base schools. Mrs. Louise Hurley, Mrs. Sandra Kerr and Mr. Rodney Kjellberg have all retired from teaching following decades of service on base.

Here is a brief summary of each of their careers, in their own words:

Louise Hurley

I began teaching third grade at Twining in 1968. I moved to second grade in 1972 and taught there until 2002 when I was transferred to Eielson for my last year of teaching.

My three children went to Holy Family, Schroeder and Red River schools. Michael is currently a senior broadcast producer in New York for Fox News. Jennifer has a degree in Sales, Marketing and Management and will have a second degree in Human Resources in May. She will be one of the managers at the Grand Forks Green Mill. Chris graduated from the University of North Dakota and is a manager and graphic artist at a printing company in Chicago. He is also a musician.

I married Pat in 1992. We are looking forward to spending more time on the East Coast and in the beautiful Colorado mountains. Our four grandsons and their families live in the Lakewood, Colo. area, and we are anxious to be able to see them more often.

During this final year, I worked with a dedicated, compassionate staff. Julie and Barb watched out for me during wintry weather. Elizabeth, Janice, Carrie and Amy worked with me on the second grade curriculum. Eielson children are fortunate to have them for their teachers. I was fortunate to have them as friends. Cathy was always by my side to learn with me how we could do our best for our children. Dr. Terry Brenner was always there to encourage and support me. Because he is professional and has high expectations, I taught my last year in a quality school where all children are learning at their highest possible level.

Sandra Kerr

I started my career in Mohall, N.D. after graduating from Minot State with a two-year standard degree in elementary education. I spent two years at Mohall teaching first grade and then had a hiatus from teaching which spanned fourteen years.

I returned to school and received a degree from Middle Tennessee State University. I completed my Masters Degree at the University of North Dakota.

In 1980, I was hired to teach first grade at Twining Elementary where I stayed for the next 22 years. With the reconfiguration of the schools at the base, I moved to Eielson for this past year.

I have served on the curriculum committees for reading, math and science while teaching in the district. More

recently, I have been involved in developing Frameworks.

I have two sons. Tim lives in Moorhead with his wife, Dawn, and sons, Jordan and Ryan. Darin lives in Grand Forks. I look forward to seeing more of them all now that I am retired.

I have been privileged to work with the children of the members of the United States Air Force for the past 23 years. I can't think of anything I would rather have done!

Rodney Kjellberg

I began my 39-year teaching career in Starkweather, N.D. after my graduation from the University of North Dakota in 1964. I taught there for three years, and then Fessenden, N.D. for two years. I began teaching at Nathan Twining School in 1969. The students, parents and staff at Twining have helped to make my teaching career at the base a memorable one.

My undergraduate degree was a B.S. in mathematics, and then I obtained a Master of Education degree from UND in 1970. Since then, I have enjoyed many educational opportunities, classes, workshops and conferences. All of these have helped me in my work and the teaching of middle school students.

My family consists of my wife, Marlys, who is a nurse at the Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, and our son, Jon, who we recently adopted after being in our foster care for six years. He is now 10-years-old and in the third grade at Kelly School.

News



Photos by Senior Airman Joshua G. Moshier



Warm welcome

The 319th Air Refueling Wing gave a warm welcome to 18 Warriors of the North who returned from their deployment support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sixteen of the returning warriors are from the 319th Security Forces Squadron and two are from the 319th Services Squadron.

News

Tanker Airlift Control Center opens new ops center

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL (AMCNS) — After a year of planning and six months of renovation, the Air Force's newest air operations center opened for business here May 8.

The renovation project moved the once-cramped Tanker Airlift Control Center operations center into a larger, adjacent area, and either replaced or upgraded everything from carpet, chairs and workstations, to computers and computer software.

On the surface, the new TACC command and control complex, also called the "the core area," or "the floor," is a picture of modernization merged with design.

However, AMC officials said the renovation isn't all about appearances.

During the TACC operations center dedication ceremony May 16, Gen. John W. Handy, commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and commander, Air Mobility Command, said the TACC renovation "is the continuation of the constant transformation of the command and control business of Air Mobility Command.

"The people of this command, and the people working in this room today, are the real reason this function works so well," said General Handy. "[The TACC operations center] is an incredible capability when you think about all the airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation missions that are running anywhere in the world at any given time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The command and control and in-transit visibility of all of those assets are run right here through the TACC. Just 10 short years ago we started this dream, and it continues

today."

Following General Handy's remarks, Maj. Gen. Edward L. LaFountaine, TACC commander, added that the renovation represented the culmination of a vision that started more than 10 years ago with the first TACC commander, General Handy. "That vision has been refined and expanded to the operation that you see today," said General LaFountaine.

He said the renovation adds new, important capabilities to TACC operations.

"The new TACC is an improved way to bring all [TACC] functions together, whether it's our flight dispatchers, our flight controllers, our weather personnel, our intel specialists, or our logisticians who handle maintenance recovery of broken airplanes. The new operations center brings them all together in a working community to optimize air mobility operations," General LaFountaine said.

"It's very important that we get that very last ounce of capability out of our airlift missions. To do that, we needed to bring all of our specialties together in a synergistic manner, so at the end of the day, TACC can provide the best airlift and comprehensive support for the warfighter and for the combatant commanders and troops across the globe."

In closing, General LaFountaine called the new TACC operations "a giant step forward."

"[TACC personnel] now have the ability to call upon a wide range of electronic tools and databases to help them make smart decisions in a timely manner and help them make decisions that optimize mobility assets around the world," said the general.

Rudy Lawrence, project manager for

the TACC renovation, said in their effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of air mobility operations, the TACC developed new ways of doing business. The new TACC operations center was designed to better take advantage of these new processes and procedures.

"Through the Mobility 2000 process, we explored ways of improving business by looking at the civilian airline industry and other government agencies," Mr. Lawrence explained. "We searched for ways to make our flights -- our missions -- more effective."

According to Senior Master Sgt. Robert Dunn, superintendent of the TACC Operations Support Division, the TACC is already reaping the benefits of both the physical renovation of TACC as well as the transformation of air mobility operations.

He said one of the more significant changes was the reorganization of the operations center from a geographical division to functional division.

Before the renovation, the TACC workload was distributed based on aircraft missions in the eastern and western hemispheres.

"As part of the effort to create a more efficient and effective TACC, we got rid of the east-west divisions," explained Sergeant Dunn. "The TACC is now divided into functional areas, or mission types, which gives us the flexibility to manage our manpower based on our actual workload rather than by the location of each mission."

Sergeant Dunn said the functional division created immediate manpower efficiencies.

"We've seen days where the east side was working maybe 1,000 sorties, while the west side was working only 300. The

east-side guys were working very hard, while the other half of our crew had a manageable workload," Sergeant Dunn said. "By dividing the operations center by function, rather than by hemisphere, we can adjust the number of people to each type of mission (i.e., contingency, airlift, air refueling, special airlift, channel missions, and so forth). Basically, I can adjust my manpower and even out my workload every day and during every shift."

He said another element of the TACC renovation involves compatible computers and computer software at each workstation, which allows TACC leaders to arrange positions, or functions, on the floor to best meet mission requirements.

A new touch-screen communications system also plays an important role in the transformation of TACC operations.

Sergeant Dunn said the new communications system gives them as many incoming and outgoing line as they need. "If I have 10 people working special airlift mission, I can have 10 phone lines running," added the sergeant. "We can adjust the number of phone lines based on the workload in each [functional] area. Now we can do more business, talk to more people, and more people can talk to us. This increases our efficiency without increasing our manpower."

In addition to technological advances, the TACC renovation also gave TACC employees more work space, increased storage and a better working environment.

Although larger workstations, advanced office equipment and vibrant color schemes have improved the work space, the continuous perfection and transformation of AMC air mobility operations is what really drives the TACC mission.

Taxpayers beware!

The Internal Revenue Service reports two new tax scams targeting both e-mail users and the armed forces families.

In the first scam, victims receive an e-mail message that appears to be from the IRS. This message contains links to a non-IRS internet-site requesting personal and financial information. This information can be used for both identity theft and accessing personal financial accounts.

The second scam involves a telephone caller posing as an IRS employee who tells the family member that they're entitled to a \$4000 refund because their relative is in the armed forces. The caller then requests a credit card number to cover a \$42 fee for postage and handling. Before ending the call, the scammer provides an actual IRS toll-free number to make the call seem legitimate. The victim's credit card number is then used to make numerous unauthorized purchases. The IRS usually contacts taxpayers via mail (instead of telephone).

If you receive a telephone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, never give out your social security number (if they are truly from the IRS, they will already have it), banking account, or credit card information.

Instead, ask for the caller's name, department, and extension number and tell them you will call them back. Then call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to verify whether or not the caller is a legitimate IRS representative or a scam artist.

For details, call the base legal office at 747-3606.

Briefs

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

If you were deployed during the tax season and need help preparing your taxes, you're in luck. The base legal office is offering free tax preparation assistance with both your federal and State personal (not business) income taxes.

For details, call the legal office at 747-3606 to schedule an appointment.

CE work

Through September, the 319th Civil Engineer Squadron will be conducting annual flowing and flushing of base fire hydrants.

This procedure is part of a recurring maintenance program.

Consumers may experience turbid or rusty water,

however, the water will remain potable and safe to drink.

In the event of rusty water, turn on all water faucets and allow water to run until clear.

Flushing the base water distribution will improve water quality in the long run.

For details, call CE customer service at 747-5210, or housing maintenance at 594-9798.

OPSEC

There are many countries and organizations that would like to take a big bite out of American interests. It's possible, and not unprecedented, for spouses and family members of U.S. military personnel to be targeted for intelligence collection. It can even happen here in America!



Operation Enduring Friendship

Complimentary tickets are available for military members and their families to attend the Crimson Creek Collegiate Players' production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" tonight at 7 p.m. at the historic Empire Arts Center in downtown Grand Forks.

"Pump Boys and Dinettes" is a musical tribute to life by the roadside with country, blues and gospel music along with energetic dancing. This show is suitable for all ages.

This is the first of many events to be offered free through Operation Enduring Friendship. Call the work/life consultant at the Family Support Center to pick up the free tickets.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Daily Mass: Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. Sunflower Chapel.

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel.

PROTESTANT:

Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain's home, 747-4359.

Men of the Chapel Bible Study: Noon Monday, Prairie Rose Conference Room.

Men of the Chapel Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. June 7, Plainesview Golf Course.

JEWISH:

For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

For details call Dr. Levitov 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:

For details call 747-5673.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Bulletproof Monk (PG-13)

A Tibetan kung fu master (Chow Yun-Fat) who has spent his life protecting an ancient scroll that possesses unlimited power begins to look for his successor, a young protégé to become the next guardian. A cocky street punk (Seann William Scott) seems a dubious choice, but when he rescues the so-called "bulletproof monk" from danger, the two form an alliance to keep the scroll from falling into the wrong hands.

Saturday, 3 p.m.

Holes (PG)

Based on the award-winning children's book of the same name, Holes tells the story of Stanley Yelnats (Shia La Beouf), a teen sent to a detention camp in Texas for a crime he didn't commit. The warden (Sigourney Weaver), a cruel woman who uses snake venom to paint her nails, forces the boys to dig holes as punishment and to build character. Her motives seem unusually sadistic, until the boys discover her secret.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Confidence (R)

Con man Jake Vig (Ed Burns) and his pals' latest scam works to perfection ... the only problem is that their mark is the accountant for a powerful kingpin (Dustin Hoffman). When the mogul finds out, he has one of Jake's crew members killed. Jake then offers to run a grift for The King, but is he in over his head? Andy Garcia plays an FBI agent on the trail.

June 13, 7 p.m.

The Lizzie McGuire Movie (PG)

Based on the popular Disney Channel TV series, Lizzie McGuire is about a junior-high student (Hilary Duff) who must deal with the typical teenage stuff: friends, boys, parents, a snot-nosed younger brother. After graduation, Lizzie travels to Italy for summer vacation, where more adventures and life lessons await. Lizzie's mind is always whirling, and her true thoughts are revealed by animated versions of herself.

June 14, 7 p.m.

It Runs in the Family (PG-13)

This Douglas family project, which features Kirk and son Michael sharing the screen for the first time, is a black comedy about three generations of a dysfunctional family living in New York City and their attempts to reconcile. Michael Douglas plays the man caught in the middle, coming to terms with his life as a husband, father, and son.

June 20, 7 p.m.

X-Men United (PG-13)

June 21, 3 p.m.

X-Men United (PG-13)

June 21, 7 p.m.

Identity (R)

June 27, 7 p.m.

The Matrix Reloaded (R)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults

For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Feature

For outreach manager, leaving children in cars takes on new meaning

By Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol
Public affairs

As the family advocacy outreach manager for the 319th Medical Operations Squadron, Karen GreyEyes has a tough job. A recent personal family experience, however, has made her more focused on one aspect of her job - prevention, or more specifically, prevention of leaving children in cars.

On May 13, area published reports say, 17-month-old Hunter and 3-year-old Bryan Thunder were in a car that rolled into Devils Lake near a convenience store on Spirit Lake Reservation after the children apparently put the car in gear. The boys were in the water for more than half an hour before being rescued. They were flown to the Fargo hospital, where Bryan died hours later and where Hunter remains in critical, but stable condition. Hunter and Bryan are Karen's grand-nephews.

"I received a phone call that day from my brother who was crying saying that they had just pulled my nephew's two children from Devils Lake," GreyEyes said. "Both he and my sister-in-law were screaming and I could hear screaming in the background."

GreyEyes said Hunter and Bryan's mother left them unattended with the car running in front of the convenience store.

"She did not have the emergency brakes on and she didn't have them in car seats," GreyEyes said. "The doctors said that little Bryan probably died at the scene, but rescuers resuscitated baby Hunter. Both children were airlifted to Merit Care in Fargo, all attempts to revive baby Bryan failed and he was officially declared dead that night."

GreyEyes added that it was a preventable accident!

"We, the adults, failed those babies, but it's too late to go back," she said. "Baby Bryan is gone and Hunter's quality of life will never be the same. That's what can happen to unattended children."

So what are the rules when this happens? According to GreyEyes, on base, officials are currently going

through the process of clarifying.

"We're going to clarify the gray areas with a clear and concise matrix for our community to understand and follow," GreyEyes said. "We now follow North Dakota regulations on unattended children."

According to North Dakota state law, a person responsible for a child who is 8 years of age or younger shall not leave that child in a motor vehicle without being supervised in the motor vehicle by a person who is at least 14 years of age.

Additionally, family advocacy's overall role on dealing with the subject of leaving children unattended is to ensure that families know the basic requirements for leaving children unattended and to also ensure that families are making safe choices for the children.

"We have identified that our current guidelines are not adequate, nor are they circulated in a way that is effective for our community," GreyEyes said. "So we are changing both the guidelines and the process for

educating our families.

"However, once reported, we must assess the situation as a child neglect situation," GreyEyes said. "We then do a complete assessment and make treatment recommendations, if indicated by the assessment."

If she had hope for one thing, GreyEyes prays that a similar incident never happens to another family like what happened to her grandnephews. She also would like to pass on some useful advice.

"Practice common sense and let your conscience can be your guide," GreyEyes said. "Know the regulations the base has for unattended children and know that your children are the most precious part of your life. If the thought of leaving the kids unattended whether in cars or anyplace else doesn't sound or feel good, then just don't do it. And please, don't leave kids unattended in cars."

For more details call family advocacy at 747-4344 or 747-6806.

How can leaving children alone in a car be a problem?

Anyone can become a victim of these preventable deaths and injuries, but children are especially at risk. In 2002, 30 children died of hyperthermia (heat stroke) because they were left inside the passenger compartment of a vehicle. There were a total of 113 children who died in 2002 as a result of being left unattended in or around a vehicle.

In 2001, 34 children died of hyperthermia and a total of 104 children died because they were left unattended in or around a vehicle. To save children from these

preventable deaths and injuries it takes both education and parental (care-giver) diligence.

- ❑ Never leave children alone or unsupervised in or around vehicles - not even for a minute. Car trunks become a tempting, secret place to hide, and a quick and easy place for abductors to make children disappear.

- ❑ Never leave car keys where children can get them.

- ❑ Always lock vehicles so children cannot get into a car unsupervised. Unlocked vehicles pose serious risks to children.

- ❑ Keep the doors and trunk of vehicles locked when parked in the garage, driveway, or near



Photo courtesy www.kidsncars.com

Accidents like this can take place when children are left alone in cars.

home.

- ❑ A child left unattended in or around vehicles is like handing them a loaded gun. Vehicles are two tons of steel that can be VERY dangerous.

- ❑ Arm children with facts. Teach children about the dangers of a car.

(Source: www.kidsncars.org)

Feature

When it's hot, don't leave children in a hot vehicle

Leaving a child unattended in a vehicle can have devastating consequences, including a child's death, according to the National Transportation Safety Board officials. One big consequence is leaving children in cars in hot temperatures.

Since 1996, more than 120 children, most of them age 3 and under, have died of heat stroke after being trapped inside a parked car.

When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult, causing permanent injury or even death. For example, when the outside temperature is 93 degrees, the temperature inside a car, even if its window is cracked, can reach 125 degrees in 20 minutes and about 140 degrees in 40 minutes.

Extreme heat affects infants and small children disproportionately, warns the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. Heat rapidly overwhelms the body's ability to regulate temperature. In a closed environment, the body can go into shock and circulation to vital organs will begin to fail.

The NTSB urges parents this summer to be particularly vigilant about their children's safety on days when temperatures reach 80 degrees or higher by offering the following safety precautions to combat heat-related injuries in cars:

- ❑ Never leave your child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.
- ❑ Teach children not to play in, on or around cars.
- ❑ Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading or unloading items.
- ❑ Always make sure all child passengers have left the car when you reach

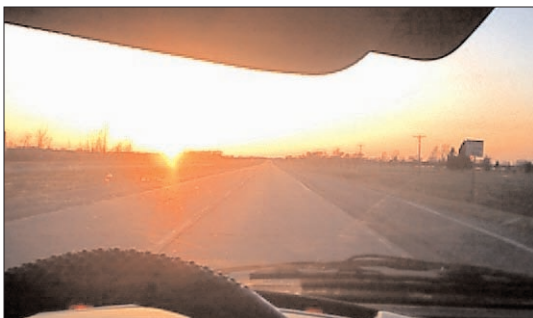


Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

In any motor vehicle, when the sun shines in, temperatures inside increase drastically compared to outside temperatures. Officials say children left alone in vehicles when it's hot outside can be victims of heat stroke and related conditions.

your destination.

- ❑ Don't overlook sleeping infants.
 - ❑ If your child gets locked inside a car, get him out and dial 9-1-1 or your local emergency number immediately.
 - ❑ When restraining children in a car that has been parked in the heat, check to make sure seating surfaces and equipment (car seat and seat belt buckles) aren't overly hot.
 - ❑ Use a light covering to shade the seat of your parked car. Consider using windshield shades in front and back windows.
- Car trunks can be especially hazardous. In hot weather, heat stroke might result and could lead to permanent disability, or even death, in a matter of minutes.

Keep these safety precautions also in mind:

- ❑ Keep the trunk of your car locked at all times, especially when parked in the driveway or near the home.
- ❑ Keep the rear fold-down seats closed to help prevent kids from getting into the trunk from inside the car.
- ❑ Put car keys out of children's reach and sight.
- ❑ Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to disable the driver's door locks if they unintentionally become entrapped in a motor vehicle.

Source: NTSB

Looking back
at the era

40 years ago: Missiles move in



File photo
J.R. Allen, Boeing Company, and Col. C.C. Hill, base commander, break dirt for the Minuteman project in July 1963.

30 years ago: Wives tour missile trainer

JUNE 7, 1973: Eighteen wives of the 448th Strategic Missile Squadron crewmembers were given a tour of the several facilities located in Building 306, after being welcomed by Lt. Col. Hubert O. Spraberry, 448th SMS commander.

They were given a tour of Missile Procedures Trainer to show them what their husbands do. A highlight of that portion of the tour was when two of the wives sat in the crew chair and turned the keys that start the trainer launch sequences. Additional visits were made to the crew scheduling section and the maintenance job control.

According to 1 st Lt. Ron Egge, project officer for the tour, “A trip to Launch Control Facility Kilo-O is being planned for the 448th SMS wives in June as a follow-up to this tour.”

20 years ago: PME retreat



File photo
Col. Charles Coble, 321st Combat Support Group commander, talks with professional military education students after their retreat ceremony May 18, 1983. Building 306 can be seen in the background.

10 years ago: 321st gets new commander

June 4, 1993: Col. Jerry Drennan will relinquish command of the 321st Missile Wing to Col. John Gibeau at a 10 a.m. ceremony June 9 in the Three Bay Hangar, Bldg. 649.

Officiating the ceremony will be Lt. Gen. Arlen Jameson, 20th Air Force commander, headquartered at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. The 20th AF is the Air Combat Command numbered Air Force responsible for the nation's intercontinental ballistic missile force and acts as the missile component of U.S. Strategic Command.

End of an era

After nearly 60 days of destruction, former missile wing HQ is a pile of rubble

First day of demolition operations: April 8



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Two weeks into demolition: April 23



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

The 30th day of demolition: May 7



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

The 51st day of demolition: May 28



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Just about there: June 2



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Last wall falls over: June 4



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Public affairs

The destruction of the former 321st Missile Wing headquarters – Building 306 – officially began April 8.

The building, known as the “big block building” to current and past residents of Grand Forks Air Force Base, was originally completed on May 15, 1958, historical records show.

Over the years the building was mainly used as the storage place for the Semi-Automatic Ground Environmental, or SAGE, system which was a series of radars and computer systems networked together that provided lookout protection against a surprise attack. It later served as the official 321st Missile Wing headquarters and up until recently, held several wing staff agency offices from the 319th Air Refueling Wing.

Many base residents were often used to seeing the big block building from as far away as United States Highway 2.

“It’s one of those landmarks that is hard to see come down,” said retired Master Sgt. James Bolton, current treaty compliance office chief and a former 321st member who first arrived at Grand Forks AFB in 1991. Bolton said he will miss the building, but he realizes its demise is in the name of progress.

“I’ll miss it – that’s for sure,” Bolton said. “The building was one of the last testaments to the history of the missiles we had at this base, but it’s also good to know we no longer need the missiles or this building. Sure it’s tough to see it go, but it has to go so we can progress.”

Vern Mickels, crane operator for Alliance Steel Construction of Superior, Wisc., the company completing the building’s destruction, said originally it would take approximately one month to complete the demolition of the building, but extended to nearly 60 days. Mickels used a 6,500-pound wrecking ball on a 100-ton crane. The company also used several steam shovels to break down lower areas.

“This was repetitious,” he said. “We just kept pounding on it.”

At its height, about 2,000 people could count on their orders coming out of Building 306, and as many as 1,000 people would fill its maze-like halls every day, said John Gorman, a retired master sergeant who once was in charge of the facility.

“There was a lot of life in that building,” Gorman said. “Any time day or night, there was always someone there. To be a part of that was all very exciting.”

Community



Heir Force

Brayden Christopher Storman, 7 lb., 13 ounce boy, was born April 6 to Staff Sgt. Jeromy and Dawn Storman, 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Joshua Gerald Wayne Harn, 6 lb., 8 ounce boy, was born April 10 to staff sergeants Lashawna and Cole Harn, 319th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron and 319th LRS.

William Robert Leonard, 7 lb., 9 ounce boy, was born April 19 to Staff Sgt. Matthew and Lisa Leonard, 319th Maintenance Squadron.

Kaden Andrew Stone, 8 lb., 8 ounce boy, was born April 23 to Staff Sgt. Joshua and Jennifer Stone, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Christian Joseph Pedersen, 6 lb., 14 ounce boy, was born April 24 to Staff Sgt. Jeff and Marly Pedersen.

Liam Conner Chiavetta, 8 lb., 2 ounce boy, was born April 29 to Senior Airman Raymond and Vanessa Chiavetta, 319th Security Forces Squadron.

Albert Ira Tooker, 10 lb., 7 ounce boy, was born April 29 to Airman 1st Class Albert and Megan Tooker, 319th Operations Support Squadron.

Hannah Noelle Bruhn, 7 lb., 15 ounce girl, was born May 6 to Staff Sgt. Will and Brandi Bruhn, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Jasmyne Janelle Bryant, 6 lb., 4 ounce girl, was born May 7 to Airman 1st Class Darnell and Shatilya Bryant, 319th SFS.

Cyerra Alyssa James, 8 lb., 7 ounce girl, was born May 8 to airmen 1st class Sasha Walker and Bradley James, 319th Maintenance Squadron.

Mark Stanley Thurnau, 7 lb., 1 ounce boy, was born May 10 to Capt. Peter and Anne Thurnau, 319th AMDS.

Artemis Cain O'Toole, 7 lb., 7 ounce boy, was born May 11 to staff sergeants Tammy O'Toole and Mario Belis, 319th SFS.

Antonia Marie McComas, 6 lb., 5 ounce girl, was born May 12 to 2nd Lt. Joseph and Jennifer McComas, 319th SFS.

Nathan Michael Hale, 8 lb., 14 ounce boy, was born May 18 to Staff Sgt. Michael and Sarah Hale, 319th Communications Squadron.

Caleb Jovan Khalil Powers, 7 lb., 14 ounce boy, was born May 22 to Airman 1st Class Wayman and Resheeda Powers, 319th CES.

Michael Chery, 6 lb., 4 ounce boy, was born May 25 to Senior Airman Francius and Marjorie Chery, 319th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Kyra Halee Majors, 7 lb., 5 ounce girl, was born May 29 to Staff Sgt. Jarrod and Jen Majors, 319th SFS.

Today



CLUB DINING:

Tonight's Northern Lights Club special is ribeye steak for \$7.95 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The regular Frontier Grill menu is also available.

TEENSUPREME MEETING: The youth center holds a TeenSupreme meeting every Friday for ages 14 to 18 from 9 to 10 p.m. at the Liberty Square Teen Center.

For details, call the youth center 747-3150.

LIBERTY SQUARE EVENTS: Liberty Square offers open skating tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental.

The Teen Center will be open for ages 13 to 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Saturday

YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING:

Dakota Lanes offers galaxy bowling for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13

to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per hour and 75 cents for shoe rental.

There must be at least 10 participants to hold this event. Register at the youth center to attend.

VIDEO NIGHT: The youth center is holding a preteen video night for ages 6 to 12 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the youth programs center.

Cost is \$1 and includes popcorn.

CLUB KARAOKE: The Northern Lights Club offers Karaoke from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

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CLUB DANCING: The Northern Lights Club offers dancing from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. Dance to club mix music with "DJ 'C.'"

Monday

PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIPS:

To encourage talented Northern Lights Club members to hone their skills and pursue photography as a career, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the Circuit City Foundation are offering the ImageMakers photography scholarships for club members ages 16 to 18.

Applications can be picked up at the youth center. Portfolio, personal statement and application must be submitted to the youth center by Monday.

To apply, members must compile five photographs, in any medium or mixture of media, showcasing their talent.

Photographs should be displayed in a portfolio along with a typed one-page personal statement on any subject written by the photographer.

All club members who submit portfolios will receive certificates of merit, and the top four portfolio photographers will each receive \$3,000 scholarships to be used for college or art school.

WATER SAFETY COURSE: Register at the youth center for Longfellow's "Whale's Tales" water safety course for ages 6 to 12. Whale's Tales is scheduled for Monday through June 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. No prior swimming experience is necessary.

This program was designed by the Red Cross to save lives and promote water safety awareness in elementary schools.

Cost is \$15 per child and the class is limited to 20 participants.

For details, call youth programs at 747-3150.



TORCH CLUB

MEETING: The youth center holds a meeting every Monday for ages 11 to 13 from 6 to 7 p.m.

For details, call the youth center at 747-3150.

CANDY BINGO: The youth center holds candy bingo every Monday for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK: Register by Tuesday for the next "Give Parents a Break" date, scheduled for June 14.

"Give Parents a Break" provides eligible parents a few hours break from the stress of parenting. The Air Force Aid Society provides funding, making it possible for the child development center to open and provide care for this special program.

To take advantage of this program, families must be referred by either their squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, family advocacy personnel, family support center personnel, or CDC personnel.

For details, call the CDC at 747-3042.

POOL TOURNAMENT: The youth center is holding a pool tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 5:30 p.m. and 13 to 18 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

VALLEY FAIR TRIP: Register by Wednesday for outdoor recreation's June 14 trip to Valley Fair.

Transportation departs outdoor recreation at 5 a.m. and returns around midnight.

Cost is \$40 and includes transportation and admission to the park.

For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

Thursday

FUN BUS: The youth center's "Fun Bus" will be in the Sunflake Circle playground area from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be games, arts and crafts, tournaments, and a variety of summertime activities for school-aged youth.

The next "Fun Bus" will be June 26 at the Redwood and Poplar playground area.

MANCALA TOURNAMENT: The youth center is holding a free Mancala tournament for ages 9 to 12 at 6:30 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 at 8 p.m. at the youth center.

TEEN STUDY GROUP: There is a teen study group for ages 13 to 18 that meets every Thursday at the youth center from 7 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming

PRETEEN LOCK-IN: Register now for the youth center's mini lock-in June 21 for ages 6 to 12 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. The youth center requires 15 registered youth by June 17 in order to hold this event. A parental permission slip is required to attend.

There will be games, arts and crafts, tournaments, music, movies and more. Cost to participate is \$15 and includes dinner and snacks.



RED RIVER EXHIBITION:

Register by June 18 for outdoor recreation's Red River exhibition beginning in Winnipeg June 21.

Transportation departs at 7 a.m. from outdoor recreation and will last the same evening.

Cost is \$17.50 per adult, \$27.50 for a family of two, \$37.50 for a family of three, or \$47.50 for a family of four (family prices include two adults over 18; additional adults pay the regular price) and includes transportation only.

For details, call outdoor recreation at 747-3688.

CDC CHILD CARE OPENINGS: The child development center now has several childcare openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. Care is offered Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For details call, the CDC at 747-3042.

SDC NOTABLES:

► The skills development center's summer hours are now in effect. Summer hours are Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and closed Sundays, holidays, weekends and goal days.

► There will be no classes offered for the month of June.

► Spouses groups may have free use of the SDC classroom during regular operating hours. Call 747-3482 to make a reservation.

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

NOTABLES: Outdoor recreation still has the new season's fishing licenses (required as of Apr. 1, 2003) available. Licenses include certificates, individual fishing stamps, sportsmen's, and husband and wife fishing stamps.

June 4 – Deer gun and muzzleloader application deadline.

June 7, 8 – North Dakota "free fishing" weekend.

► Outdoor recreation offersevening fishing trips to Devil's Lake for ice-out walleyes and northern pike.

Be on the lookout for notices about upcoming trips.

► The spring migration and breeding season has begun, and there are a number of places locally that draw a variety of interesting birds. Outdoor recreation offers binoculars and bird books that to get birdwatchers started on enjoying the birding season.

Outdoor recreation is also offering some evening and early morning birding trips as migrants arrive.

► Boats or campers can be reserved the first day of the month prior to the month equipment is needed.

Boat and camper reservation deposit fees are \$20 for weekends and \$40 for a week or longer. Deposits are non-refundable.

EXTENDED DUTY CHILD CARE:

The Family Child Care Office offers an extended duty child care program to help parents obtain childcare when they need it for duty-related reasons beyond their

typical 50-hour per week childcare arrangements. This program can accommodate such instances as:

► Temporary shift changes.

► Unplanned longer duty days or weekend duties.

► Short-term temporary duties when no other parent is available.

► Dual military or single parent deployments until children are picked up by Family Plan Air Force Form 357 designees.

Eligible users include active-duty military personnel assigned to or living on base; Department of Defense civilians assigned to the base; Air National Guard and Air Reserve members on active duty or during inactive duty personnel training assigned to the base; FCC providers who have medical appointments or need substitute care on a limited basis; child development or school-age program staff required to work different shifts, longer hours, attend training and other child care emergencies that impact their ability to provide child care.

First priority must be active duty and DoD civilians.

Parents must be enrolled in the program and meet the provider prior to use. For that reason, the family child care staff encourages parents who think they may need extended duty child care services in the future to enroll ahead of time to be prepared when duty calls. The FCC coordinator serves as the point of contact with parents and providers.

For details, call the FCC at 747-4167.

Participate in any of these events and receive an "Around the World in Ninety Days" game piece.



Mondays:

Fast Eddies ATWIND day
Plainsview Golf Course lunch day
ATWIND golf day at Plainsview Golf Course

Tuesdays:

Dakota Lanes lunch day
ATWIND family swim day at the base pool
Aerobics class at the sports and fitness center
Northern Lights Club barber shop ATWIND day

Wednesdays:

Northern Lights Club lunch day
Airey Dining Facility lunch day
ATWIND red pin bowling day at Dakota Lanes
"Check-us-out" day at outdoor recreation
Sports and fitness center ATWIND day

Thursdays:

ATWIND youth bowling day at Dakota Lanes
Skills development center ATWIND day
Auto skills center ATWIND day
Fast Eddies ATWIND day

Fridays:

Northern Lights Club family dining
Base library ATWIND day
Water aerobics at the base pool
Open skating at Liberty Square



Saturdays:

Sing Karaoke at the Northern Lights Club
ATWIND bowling day at Dakota Lanes

Sundays:

ATWIND golf day at Plainsview Golf Course
ATWIND family swim day at the Base Pool



In with the new

Several base members assisted in raising brand new state flags along the north entrance to the base last week.

(Left) One of the volunteers clips the Minnesota state flag to its respective pole.

(Right) Capt. Bill Foster looks up as he hoists the Arkansas state flag.

